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**FORMER REGIONAL LIBRARY DIRECTOR INDICTED ON
FEDERAL THEFT AND WITNESS TAMPERING CHARGES**

Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced that the federal grand jury sitting in Savannah has returned an indictment against David C. Wilson, the former Director of the Ocmulgee Regional Library System. The indictment was the result of a lengthy investigation conducted by the Dublin office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, both out of its Eastman Resident Agency and Financial Investigative Unit in Atlanta, and the Cochran Police Department.

Wilson was charged with five counts of theft from a program receiving federal funds and one count of witness tampering. It is alleged that Wilson stole more than \$5,000 in four separate one year periods between July 1, 2000, and May 31, 2004 and stole a \$6200 Bobcat lawnmower. The witness tampering charge stems from an alleged May 9, 2004 conversation with a potential government witness.

Each count of the indictment carries a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

Ms. Wood stressed that an indictment is only an accusation and is not evidence of guilt. The Defendant is entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the Government's burden to prove guilt

beyond a reasonable doubt. The Government is represented by Criminal Chief, Assistant United States Attorney Joseph Newman of Savannah.

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